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SUBJECT: INAUGURATION OF JUBA UNIVERSITY

1. ACCOMPANIED BY PAO, I ATTENDED DEDICATION CEREMONIES  
AT NEW JUBA UNIVERSITY OCTOBER SIX. GUESTS WERE FLOWN TO  
JUBA AND BACK BY COMMANDEERED SUDAN AIRWAYS BOEING 707.

2. JUBA LOOKS LIKE WHAT IT IS - A TOWN DEVELOPING FROM A  
TYPICAL VILLAGE IN THE HEART OF AFRICA. CONSIDERABLE CONSTRUC-  
TION IS TAKING PLACE CENTERED AROUND NEW BUILDINGS FOR  
REGIONAL PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT. TOWN IS CLEAN AND  
WELL-ORDERED. TEMPERATURE (MID-NINETIES) WAS A WELCOME  
TEN DEGREES LESS THAN KHARTOUM IN OCTOBER.

3. CEREMONIES INVOLVED THREE SOLID HOURS OF SPEECHES,  
READING OF CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS, AND RECITATION OF TWO  
LENGTHY ARABIC POEMS. PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WAS PRESIDENT NIMEIRI  
WHOSE SPEECH, WHILE RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM, CONTAINED  
LITTLE THAT WAS NEW. HE WORE A GOLD ACADEMIC GOWN OVER HIS  
MILITARY UNIFORM FOR THE OCCASION. THERE FOLLOWED THE  
RITUAL SLAUGHTER OF A DINKA STEER (WHICH, MERCIFULLY, WE MISSED),  
AND A LOT OF AFRICAN TRIBAL DANCING. A LITTLE BIT OF FOLK DANCING,  
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REGARDLESS OF ITS PROVENANCE, GOES A VERY LONG WAY WITH ME.  
FACT THAT MANY OF THE DANCERS WORE SUNGLASSES AND WIRSTWACHES  
DETRACTED SOMEWHAT FROM AUTHENTICITY OF THEIR ACTIONS AS DID  
FACT THAT ALL THE DANCING LADIES (DOUBTLESS AS CONCESSION TO  
MOSLEM SENSITIVITY) WORE BRASSIERES.

4. JUBA UNIVERSITY IS TEMPORARILY INSTALLED IN BUILDINGS

ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED FOR GIRL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL BUT USED  
THROUGHOUT CIVIL WAR AS MILITARY BARRACKS. IT REMINDED ME  
OF A LITTLE FRESHWATER COLLEGE IN OUR MIDDLE WEST. I WAS,  
HOWEVER, TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED BY THE ENTHUSIASM AND  
DEDICATION DISPLAYED BY STUDENTS AND FACULTY. MOST OF  
FACULTY IS FROM NORTHERN SUDAN. IF SPIRIT MANIFEST AT JUBA  
UNIVERSITY GROWS, THE FUTURE OF SUDANESE UNITY IS BRIGHT  
INDEED. I WOULD HOPE THAT AT SOME POINT THE UNITED STATES  
WOULD JOIN OUR WESTERN ALLIES WHO ARE ALREADY MAKING A  
SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS KEY  
INSTITUTION. BERGUS

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